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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--July 1985

I. GENERAL

The FBIS base housing project recorded two setbacks during the month in the form of bid opening postponements -- from 23 to 30 July and then from 30 July to 13 August -- because of NAVFAC/Charleston project amendments. Only one bid has been received so far.

The new Naval Air Station commanding officer has ordered a relaxation of full I.D. checks at base entrances -- in effect since October 1983 -- by allowing vehicles with base stickers to be waved through during normal duty hours Monday-Friday. This will slightly ease strain on one-car families whose spouses can again drop off and pick up dayshift personnel.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Cuban President Fidel Castro gave four speeches during the month, one on 2 July when decorated with Bolivia's Public Health Order, another on 4 July at commencement exercises for teachers, the third on 26 July at the mass rally marking the 32d anniversary of the assault on the Moncada Barracks, and the last at 30 July opening of the Continental Dialogue on the Foreign Debt ongoing in Havana. He also granted interviews to a Venezuelan journalist, the Mexican daily EXCELSIOR, and foreign journalists attending the congress of the Latin American Journalists Federation in Havana. As in previous months, Castro and Cuban officials traveling abroad continued to harp on the need to unite all Latin American and Caribbean countries in an effort to achieve cancellation of the foreign debt because it is "unpayable" and "uncollectible." To this end, Castro extended invitations to workers, peasants, students, professionals, intellectuals, government officials and heads of state to meet in Havana 30 July-3 August to conduct a Continental Dialogue on the Foreign Debt. Cuba also hosted a Latin American-Caribbean Workers Conference to promote its stand on the foreign debt. Earlier in the month it was announced that the Cuban Communist Party Congress

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originally scheduled for December this year has been postponed until February 1986.

2. Official results of the 7 July non-presidential elections in Mexico began to trickle out on 14 July, per NOTIMEX reports, with the ruling PRI party the "landslide" winner. Voluminous and lengthy state and municipal returns down to the district level were pouched to ELAAD for possible exploitation. The Mexican Government also announced stringent budget cuts (including a 10 percent pay cut for President Miguel de la Madrid) and reductions in the number of government personnel.

3. In the Caribbean, Dominica Prime Minister Eugenia Charles recorded an overwhelming victory in elections that were marred by some incidents of violence. Barbados hosted a Caricom summit meeting which generated heavy CANA reportage. Jamaica, Guadeloupe, and Suriname reported civil and labor unrest. Guadeloupe's pro-independence civil disobedience reached extremes that required flying in French gendarmes from the motherland.

4. In reporting these and other events the bureau set a new all-time record of publishable wordage, squeezing out the previous high set in October 1983 during the Grenada crisis. This was thanks to the unstinting and dedicated efforts of all bureau monitor/editors and Panama Bureau monitor [redacted] here on TDY to help out during the summer leave period. ✓

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B. Communications

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1. C/Commo Staff [redacted] had an opportunity to meet the bureau's relatively new communicators while here on TDY 8-9 July. He also received a thorough briefing on local area communications and on the mission of U.S. Forces Caribbean from CDR Ken Yasutome, head of J-6/COMUSFORCARIB.

2. The bureau's primary communications circuits were down a total of 189 hours during the month as a result of continuing NAVCOMMUNIT problems with its Mode I equipment. The hassle of hand-carrying tapes to Boca Chica was avoided for the most part as J-6/COMUSFORCARIB readily agreed to handle all our traffic during extended outages on a workload-permitting basis.

C. Technical

1. Dynalectron Corporation's assessment of bureau antenna overhaul and maintenance requirements has resulted in an estimate of 14.7K for repairs and 4K for annual maintenance thereafter. The proposal is currently under review by Engineering Division.

2. A Jerrold UD-283 TV demodulator, in continuous use since February 1976, was replaced with a Videotek DM-4R demodulator.

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3. The bureau's workshop panel was improved with the incorporation of an amplifier/speaker combination and additional audio and radio frequency lines to signal distribution racks in main operations, TV monitoring and cruising rooms, thereby providing electronic access to and from all essential equipment for the purpose of measuring, testing, troubleshooting, and adjusting.

4. Nonexpendable property received during the month consists of one radio receiver, Watkins-Johnson Model WJ-8718A, SN: 3023, valued at \$8,067.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. Monitor/editor candidate [] unfortunately failed to receive EOD clearance. MOD has several more candidates lined up for potential employment in Key West.

STAT 2. Local monitor candidate [] visited bureau 29 July for an interview and briefing on employment opportunities. She was given a preliminary written test to submit to bureau at her convenience.

STAT 3. Part-time communicator [] gave notice he will be retiring from the Navy and leaving the Key West area on/about 28 August. P&TB has been asked to shop his file as Tom is interested in overseas employment opportunities.

B. Building & Grounds

1. A local contractor has given bureau an estimate of 4K to expand our parking area, a project planned for FY86.

2. No firm proposal has as yet been received for repair of the central air-conditioning system, estimated at 3.5-4K.

3. Local contractors installed additional security alarm contacts in mechanical room doors, pinned frames and sides of all exterior doors and added exterior security grille around in-wall AC unit in TV monitoring area.

IV. VISITS

STAT 1. C/Communications Staff [] visited bureau 8-9 July.

2. CDR Lauren Nelson, new CO of Naval Security Group Activity, visited bureau 9 July for general orientation and briefing and discussion of potential mutual problem with proposal to site a commercial radio transmitter on nearby city property formerly part of Truman Annex.

STAT 3. Monitor candidate [] visited bureau 11-12 July.

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4. MOD trainee [redacted] arrived on 22 July for training
with cruising monitor [redacted]

5. Panama Bureau monitor [redacted] concluded TDY on 28
July after a 7-week "vacation in Paradise."

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachment:
Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay Bureaus

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 190,850

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 26,750

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 840

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	2,575	14,700	21
	MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service
in English590Nassau THE TRIBUNE
in English140

BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA
in English95,350

Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English

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in English-0-

BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service
in English90

CUBA

Havana Domestic Service
in Spanish30,240Havana Television Service
in Spanish41,580

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Radio Mil
in Spanish370

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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish		<u>1,380</u>
JAMAICA		
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>620</u>	
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
MEXICO		
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>16,280</u>
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES		
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>3,220</u>	
THE NETHERLANDS		
Hilversum International in English	<u>990</u>	
OTHER SOURCES:		